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Federal Opportunities

REMINDER. FY05 OVW Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program. *The Department of Justice (DOJ)* announces funds to provide direct legal services to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in matters arising from the abuse or violence and for providing enhanced training for lawyers representing these victims. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, community- and faith-based organizations, and public, state, and private institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is January 25, 2005. Awards will range from \$450,000-\$850,000. For further information, contact DOJ's Helpdesk at 1-888-549-9901 or helpdesk@ojp.usdoj.gov; or go to: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/docs/fy05lavgrant.pdf. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

REMINDER. Implementation Grants for Humanities Projects in Libraries and Archives. *The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)* announces funds to support public humanities programs that interpret and use collections in libraries and archives. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education, and state and local government entities. The deadline for applications is February 3, 2004. Approximately \$450,000 is available. For further information, contact Peter Scott at (202) 606-8446 or psscott@neh.gov; or go to: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/implement-libraries.html>.

REMINDER. Implementation Grants for Special Projects. *The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)* announces funds to support a variety of public humanities program formats, including public discussion forums, hands-on learning experiences, discussion series based on reading or film-viewing, multi-faceted conferences, or symposia. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, private institutions of higher education, and state and local government entities. The deadline to submit applications is February 3, 2005. Approximately \$300,000 is available. For further information, contact Peter Scott at (202) 606-8446 or psscott@neh.gov; or go to: <http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/implement-special.html>.

REMINDER. Targeted Grants to Reduce Childhood Lead Poisoning. *The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)* announces funds to conduct activities to reduce incidences of childhood lead poisoning in vulnerable populations, including projects to: address areas with high incidences of elevated blood-lead levels; identify and address areas with high potential for heretofore undocumented elevated blood-lead levels; and develop tools to address unique and challenging issues in lead poisoning prevention. Eligible applicants include state and local governments, institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, and individuals. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2005. Approximately \$750,000 is available to fund 25 awards. For further information, contact Doreen Cantor at (202) 566-0486 or cantor.doreen@epa.gov; or go to:

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<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/06jun20041800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2004/04-26474.htm>.

This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372.

District Opportunities

Escheated Estates. *The Office of the Secretary (OS)* announces financial support through the Escheated Estates Fund to local organizations that help the economically disadvantaged in DC. Escheated Estates funds are obtained from the sale of confiscated property of District residents who die without a will or any known relatives to receive their inheritance. Portions of the proceeds from these sales are offered as grants. Eligible applicants include District-based nonprofit organizations. The deadlines for 2005 are: March 25, June 24, September 23, and December 22. Grants of up to \$10,000 are available. Requests for application forms, applicable regulations, instructions, and other relevant inquiries should be directed, in writing, to: Sherryl Hobbs Newman, Chairman, Escheated Estates Fund Application Screening Committee, The John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 419, Washington, DC 20004. For more information, see: <http://os.dc.gov/os/site/default.asp>.

FY 2005 Teacher Quality Improvement Grant Program. *The State Education Office (SEO)* is soliciting applications to design programs that provide teachers with skills needed to improve the quality of instruction in mathematics and science. The deadline for applications is March 17, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. A total of \$325,000 is available to make multiple grants. The Request for Application (RFA) will be released on January 14, 2005. A Pre-Application Conference will be held on February 3, 2005, 10:00 a.m.-noon, City-wide Conference Center, 441 4th Street, NW, Room 1117, Washington, DC 20001. For further information, contact Deidre M. Hunt, CDH Management and Consulting, at (202) 641-5766. The RFA will also be available on the Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD) website, <http://opgd.dc.gov/opgd/site/default.asp>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of

Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, click on District Grants Clearinghouse.

The Department of Health (DOH)/Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration (APRA)/Office of Prevention and Youth Services (OPYS), Youth Substance Abuse Prevention Program, February 4, 2005.

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (DCCAH), Small Projects Program (SPP), March 3 and June 2, 2005.

The DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities (CAH), Folk & Traditional Arts Mini Grants, April 7, 2005.

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP), applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Foundation Opportunities

Arts and Humanities, Community Services, Education, and Health. *The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation* is committed to building a stronger community for residents of the Washington, DC area through support of programs in arts and humanities, community services, education, and health. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadlines for applications are March 1, July 1, and November 1, 2005, at 4:00 p.m. For further information, go to: <http://www.cafritzfoundation.org/>.

Community and Youth Gardening Projects. *Garden Resources of Washington (GROW)* announces funding for community and youth gardening projects located in DC. Project may include learning gardens, healing gardens, neighborhood beautifications, community gardens, tree box beautifications, butterfly gardens, food gardens, and more. Eligible applicants include neighborhood and youth groups, schools, after-school programs, civic associations, churches, nursing homes, shelters, transitional housing, community gardens, etc. The deadline for application is February 18, 2005. Mini-grants up to \$1,000 are available. Potential applicants are asked to attend an

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information meeting in January. For further information on the application and information sessions, contact GROW at grow19@aol.com or 202-234-0591; or go to: www.growdc.org.

Health Care. The *Quality Health Foundation (QHF)*, the mission arm of *Delmarva Foundation*, announces funding to improve health care for individuals and communities through improvement projects. Funding priorities for 2005 include: improved treatment through the use of best practices; improved access to healthcare services; and improved communication of health knowledge. Eligible applicants include Maryland or DC-based nonprofit organizations, faith-based organizations, government entities, hospital/provider educational organizations, and individuals. The deadline for applications is February 15, 2005. Grants of up to \$50,000 are available for a one-year funding cycle. For further information, go to: <http://www.qualityhealthfoundation.org/>.

Humanities. The *Humanities Council of Washington, DC (HCWDC)* supports humanities-based programs that highlight and enrich Washington, DC history and culture. Two grant programs are available: Small Grants (up to \$1,500) may be used for small projects or may be used for planning a larger project; and Major Grants (\$1,501-\$5,000). Eligible applicants include individuals and community groups. The deadlines for applications are as follows: Intent to Apply for Major Grants due February 10, 2005, by 5pm; Small/Planning Grants and Major Grants applications due March 10, 2005, by 5pm. Applicants are encouraged to attend one of the Grant Writing and Planning Assistance Workshops. All workshops are free, but reservations are requested. To download the application and guidelines or for further information and a list of dates, times, and locations of workshops, contact HCWDC at (202) 387-8391 or grants@wdchumanities.org; or go to: <http://wdchumanities.org>.

Social Change. The *A.J. Muste Memorial Institute* funds projects that promote the principles and practice of nonviolent social change. Projects must be concerned with one or more of the issues to which A.J. Muste dedicated his life: peace/disarmament; social and economic justice; racial and sexual equality; and the labor movement. The Regular

Grant Program supports international, national, and local projects that seek to advance nonviolent grassroots education and action for social and economic justice. The deadlines for applications are February 18 and April 29, 2005. The maximum grant amount is \$2,000. For further information, contact the Institute at info@ajmuste.org; or go to: www.ajmuste.org.

Resources & Announcements

Ceasing Publication of Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs) and Requests for Applications (RFAs) in the Federal Register. The *Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)* announces a change in its practice of publishing notices of grant funding availability in the Federal Register. Rather than continue publishing NOFAs and RFAs in the Federal Register, SAMHSA will post notices of funding availability only on <http://www.Grants.gov> and <http://www.samhsa.gov>. Only single source or limited competition announcements will continue to be published in the Federal Register. This change will be effective January 3, 2005. Applicants should be aware that all the necessary information to apply for grant funds will continue to be available at SAMHSA's two national clearinghouses: The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI)-1-800-729-6686-for substance abuse prevention or treatment grants; and the National Mental Health Information Center-1-800-789-CMHS (2647)-for mental health grants. For further information, contact Cathy J. Friedman, SAMHSA, at (240) 276-2316 or cathy.friedman@samhsa.hhs.gov.

Faith-Based CTCs. *TechMission*, with funding from the U.S. Department of Education CTC School and Community Partnerships Grant Program, published a report to provide research and materials to support partnerships between schools and faith-based organizations (FBOs) with Community Technology Centers (CTCs) serving at-risk high school students. *Faith-Based CTCs Serving At-Risk High School Students in Partnership with Schools* highlights several keys to success, including: Best Practices and Program Models; Partnership Case Studies; Strengths of FBOs; National Faith-Based CTC Initiatives; and Materials for Implementing

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Partnerships. For further information and to access the report, go to:

<http://www.techmission.org/resources/teens.php>.

Free Training Series for Nonprofits. *The Enhanced Business Information Center (e-BIC) and Southeastern University's Center for Entrepreneurship* will offer a set of three critical classes for nonprofits from January to March 2005. Classes include: How to Start a Nonprofit (January 12); Nonprofit Staff and Board Development (February 9); and Nonprofit Fundraising (March 9). All classes are taught by Telaekah Brooks, JD, from Southeastern University's Center for Entrepreneurship. Sessions take place from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at the e-BIC's Conference Room, MLK, Jr. Memorial Library, A Level, 901 G Street, across the street from Gallery Place and two blocks from Metro Center. Free parking is available in the library garage. For further information or to register, contact e-BIC at ebic@dc.gov or (202) 727-2241; or go to: <http://www.dclibrary.org/ebic/>.

Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC).

The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD) provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but requires an appointment. Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.

Insurance Trips and Traps for Nonprofits.

Guidestar published an article on nonprofit insurance issues in its January newsletter. The article covers topics such as property insurance, liability, professional liability insurance, automobile insurance, and injuries to volunteers. For further information, go to:

http://www.guidestar.org/news/features/npo_insurance.jsp.

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